



Pearl River School District

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Dear Parents:

Another chilly March is behind us! As we look forward to the promise of warmer spring days and the final quarter of the school year, students and teachers continue their focus on new learning and fortification of the skills and strategies acquired. We are also looking forward to and preparing for upcoming special events, including spring concerts, field trips, field day, grade level curriculum demonstrations and fourth grade orientation to the middle school, to name a few.

On Friday, the Evans Park students attained a goal they've been working on since November, to complete a puzzle based on acquisition of tickets for *respectful, responsible, ready and safe behavior*. They are very proud of this achievement and are looking forward to a fun school wide event, to be announced. We will continue our work in this area in hopes of meeting another school wide milestone before the end of the year.

At this time of year, parents often inquire about next year's classroom plans for their children. Building new classes is an essential part of what we do each spring; this work will begin very soon. Our goal to create heterogeneous, balanced, equal-sized classes where all children are able to flourish involves teachers, specialists and support staff. Together, we consider many factors such as social and emotional growth, academic strengths and weaknesses, behavior and gender ratios. Parent and teacher requests for specific assignments or classmates can result in less than ideal class groupings and will not, therefore, be considered. Should you feel that you or your child has a particular need or past experience of which we are unaware, please provide an explanation of that in writing and send it to me (not your child's current teacher) in the next few weeks. If you know you will be moving prior to the start of the next school year, we'd appreciate having that information as early as possible. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me.

As your children become increasingly involved in outdoor sports and activities this spring, please remember that a commitment to progress at school should also be consistent. Perhaps indoor screen time can be reduced to ensure that routines and expectations are met while enjoying all that the season brings.

Looking forward to seeing you at school in the coming weeks,
Peggy Lynch